

MINNESOTA MUFON

Newsletter

From the State Director

John Carpenter is known to everyone familiar with the UFO issue. At a professional level, he has a Masters Degree in social work and was trained in clinical hypnosis at the Menninger Clinic. He works at the Center for Mind-Body Medicine in Branson, Missouri, which provides psychiatric services for behavioral problems.

John ultimately volunteered his skills in studying human response to UFO encounters and has worked on over 130 cases, often employing hypnotherapy. He is the Director of Abduction Research for MUFON and contributes to the *MUFON UFO Journal* each month. His presentation "Then and Now" was featured at the 1997 MUFON Symposium in Grand Rapids:

Carpenter began by reviewing a correlation of sightings in America with those in other countries. According to British research Anthony Dodd, reports of Grays in Britain comprise about 80% of encounters. Nordics, Reptilians, and Praying Mantis types account for about 20%. These same numbers are what we find in both America and Australia. Burn marks, electrical disturbances, acquired psychic abilities, and aspects of Reptilian and Praying Mantis types are not things you would expect to hear twice anywhere else. Physical evidence

such as incisions, scoop marks, and dehydrated circular patches of soil are similar in worldwide reports of UFO/alien encounters. Farmers in Australia have also described black helicopters chasing UFOs. Carpenter remarked that, because of this correlation, it would be astounding if this phenomenon was not a reality.

He then described some abduction encounters in Australia that had similarities to others we have heard. A nurse from Sydney recalled that large balls of light had come into her bedroom as a child. She would enter a ball and be transported to a playground with other children who had also arrived in balls of light. This playground had fake grass and a dome for a sky. The children (at least 50) were examined by Reptilians under close supervision by tall Grays.

A therapist from Perth had tried to cope with memories of scary clowns and a phobic fear of praying mantis insects as a child. As an adult, she and a friend say Praying Mantis beings in her house. Later, her mother and 4-year-old daughter reported seeing them also. Hypnosis revealed a lifetime of intrusions beginning at an early age. The details are all familiar, and in this case, at least three hybrid children were produced and as have so many others, the subject cried because she was not allowed to keep them.

Francis Crick, having won the Nobel Prize for his discovery of

MINNESOTA MUFON Meetings

Saturday, July 11
and
Saturday, August 8

1:30 – 5:00 PM

Science Museum of MN
Computer Education Center

Firstar Center
5th & Minnesota Sts.
19th Floor
SEE MAP ON COVER!

PARK FREE
Ramp entrance is on
Minnesota St.
Proceed to 5th Level

Because this is a secured building, to gain entrance,
you must be at the ramp door

between
1:15 and 1:30 PM

Someone will be on hand to activate the elevator to take you to the meeting room.

The next admittance time will be at the 3:00 PM break.

The building and ramp areas are designated as non-smoking.

DNA, wrote a book in 1981 entitled *Life Itself*. In it, he states his serious doubts that evolution can account for man's development, and believes that some kind of intervention must have occurred. He gave his idea of alien hybridization a name: *directed panspermia*

Carpenter then went back in time to describe situations that were so inexplicable to the witnesses that we can't really blame them if their descriptions are a bit garbled.

In 1929, author Max Ernst wrote several books with flying saucer and abduction themes. In *A Little Girl Dreams of Taking the Veil*, he depicted disks and a sleeping woman abducted by three alien-looking creatures, one of whom holds a glowing globe over her head as another creature lay her in a box. Carpenter repeats a story I first heard on a Frank Edwards radio program of 4000 English soldiers in 1915 who were climbing a hill near Galipoli (Turkey) to make a camp at the top. They walked into a very thick low-lying cloud formation and disappeared from sight. The cloud rose and joined smaller ones positioned above. No trace of them or their equipment was ever found by either the British or the Turks.

The July 3, 1893 issue of the Daily Ledger in Tacoma contained an article about An Electric Monster. A group of surveyors were sleeping near a stream when they were awakened by a loud noise. The air was filled with an electrical feeling that caused a stinging pain through their bodies. There was also a very bright light. A monster was seen in the stream walking toward them. A stream of water was directed at one man, who fell to the ground. Another who tried to rescue

him, was also hit and he collapsed. The others fled into the woods. The monster sent out flashes of light and made a loud roar like thunder. It was seen heading towards Puget Sound and disappeared beneath the waters of the bay. They could see light on top of the water as they traced its course beneath. The two fallen men were found alive. All of their watches had stopped.

Turning to folklore, fairies were accused of using humans to improve their genetic stock. Drawings of goblins show them to be small with large heads, slanted black eyes, long webbed fingers, spindly arms and legs, and clothed in close-fitting garments. They could materialize or vanish in an instant and pass through touch. Hapless mortals who fell under their spell would return weeks or years later thinking they had been gone only a few minutes.

In 1593 a soldier from Manila, Philippines vanished. He appeared the next day in Mexico City and described the previous day's news from Manila. The whole population of Angkor Wat in Cambodia vanished in 1431. Some say that large airships took everyone in a mass abduction. The famous Vahlenov plate was discovered in Nepal. This plate is 10 inches across and is made of a material resembling a mixture of ceramic and metal. It depicts a sun, a UFO-shaped object, a little Gray, reptiles and an unknown script. It is believed to be 1000 years old.

Carpenter included a few excerpts from the Bible and related manuscripts, especially *The Lost Books of the Bible* and *The Forgotten Books of Eden*.

When John wrote that Jesus is the only begotten son of God, he used the word "monogenes," from which

the English word "monogenesis" or one gene source derives.

The Book of Mary, The Book of Infancy, and The Book of Protevangelion contain fascinating accounts of the conception and birth of Jesus. In one of these, Joseph has left Mary (and his sons) in a cave and is out searching for a midwife near dusk. As he was going along his way, he saw birds in flight but not moving, people sitting at a table and not eating — their faces fixed upwards. Kids (sheep?) had their mouths touching water but were not drinking. It seems that time was standing still or that everyone was "switched off."

In another verse, the Star of Bethlehem is said to be an angel in the form of a star. Much debate has occurred as to the nature of the Star, and how it could lead anybody anywhere.

Carpenter's written account is almost 40 pages long. He includes dozens of additional descriptions of possible alien encounters and influences going back to very early writings. He also comments on several cave paintings that show aliens and spacecraft as well as archaeological finds, including a 1.3 meter human-like footprint discovered in 1912 in South Africa. A companion of the same size can be found in Sri Lanka. Swazi tribesmen say it has always been there and they will not build a hut within 20 kilometers (12.5 miles) of it.

Members are urged to obtain a copy of the *Proceedings* from MUFON and read the full text of all presentations. In our next issue, I will begin summarizing the presentations made at Denver — the list of speakers is impressive.

Dick Moss

Nighttime Awareness Research

by Candy Peterson

Once upon a time, a man was looking for a key he lost in his house, but he chose to look for it outside because the light was better there.

There is fascinating research being done on consciousness, as well as various aspects of sleep and sleep disorders, which may have an important connection to some aspects of alien abduction research. As has been pointed out many times, there is an indistinct boundary between seemingly realistic lucid dreams, out-of-body experiences, alien abductions, and possible demonic, spiritual or inter-dimensional nighttime experiences.



Our bodies naturally enter a state of paralysis several times each night so that we don't physically act out events in our dreams. Most people do not experience awareness of this inability to move because they are already asleep. Yet people who suffer from the medically defined *Recurrent Isolated Sleep Paralysis* (RISP), find it extremely frightening due to their conscious awareness of various unfamiliar effects.

Some of these symptoms are very similar to those in alien abduction reports. Besides paralysis, these can include difficulty in breathing, a sense of confusion and helplessness, feeling or seeing the presence of otherworldly beings and surroundings, thinking that the lack of sensation and control means they are floating or dying, and having auditory or visual "hallucination" scenarios that may include encroachments from dream imagery.

The intermittently recurring nature

of the phenomenon is a characteristic common to alien abductions and *Awareness during Sleep Paralysis* (ASP), making laboratory research both more expensive and dicey.

In recent discussions on the ASP e-mail list on the Internet, several people have associated the relationship of background noises to their impressions of threatening, distorted, and amplified misperceptions. For example, in a near-sleeping state, various levels of awareness have lead some people to believe that overheard family voices or normal ambient noises are demonic communications, or their own heartbeats and respiration are artificial or alien buzzing. Sometimes elaborate representations are fabricated to correspond, however fantastically, to the sensory input.

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Joseph Polanik, originator of the ASP list and Trionic Research Institute on the WorldWideWeb, (<http://www.tronica.com>) hit the nail on the head when he was discussing the importance of conscious awareness to the experiences of nighttime phenomena:

"This awareness is what makes a tiny fraction of REM-state paralysis episodes so interesting. So let's not kid ourselves, if alien abductions are related to Awareness during Sleep Paralysis, they are related to the Awareness more than to the Paralysis."

If awareness is key, then this poses further questions about the accuracy of alien abduction memories retrieved through hypnotic regression:

- Do experiencers become aware of objectively real episodes of extraterrestrial contact?
- Do they become aware of startlingly realistic memories of subjective "dreams"? Or is it yet some other possibility along a confusing continuum?

Consider some of the disparate details in the caseload of alien abduction research, such as the reported *dozens* of types of alien beings. Perhaps some of this diversity is the result of contamination from individuals' dream imagery overlaid onto actual abduction events. On the other hand, researchers like John Carpenter and Dan Wright have found a specific core sequence of commonly reported abduction events not attributable to any published media or other information transfers between researchers, or to abductees. Perhaps this is also attributable to dream imagery, but from some un-investigated common fabric of human brain architecture. Obviously, more research is needed.

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We may gain tremendous insight into the possible forces behind alien abductions if we incorporate research from other areas, as well. Inter-disciplinary peer review can help. For example, Elizabeth Loftus' and others' work on False/repressed Memory Syndrome has hopefully tightened up abduction research and hypnosis methodology.

One or more non-human forces may be behind the alien abduction phenomenon, so perhaps these forces also manifest as other nighttime events to people who may perceive them as dreams and nightmares. While marks, scars, and implants seem to be associated with some percentage of alien abduction reports, we have not generally thought that physical trauma was associated with dreams. Mr. Polanik has recently written on-line about widely varying physical marks appearing on people who attribute them to different causes. These marks include alien abduction scars, religious stigmatists' wounds, and *bloody punctures detected after suffering bites in vampire dreams!* (See Martin V. Riccardo's *Liquid Dreams of Vampires*.) Is this likely evidence that the power of mind can produce physiological changes, or that certain people can accurately detect what is physically happening to them via differing outside forces? How do we make the distinction?

We know memory is fluid and impressionable, and we know many psychologically healthy people report uncannily similar, but certainly very unusual nighttime events. There may be greater equivalency across UFO, paranormal, and more-mainstream consciousness studies than the individual experts would

care to acknowledge. Of course, the opposite may also be true. However, I know there are many sleep disorders clinics, as well as university-funded dream and consciousness studies, working on solutions to those "accepted" problems. I found links to over 280 clinics and studies with WWW addresses. How many fully funded clinics and research labs are working on alien abduction phenomena? In looking for the key, we might just have to look outside — where the light is shining — rather than in the dark.



For more information about Awareness during Sleep Paralysis, see Joseph Polanik's Trionic Research Institute at the address below.

www.tronica.com

See also Jean-Christophe Terrillon & Shirley Marques-Bonham's preliminary paper:

www.hip.atr.co.jp/~terril/SSE_Presentation.HTM

which "covers multidisciplinary aspects of RISP, starting at the neurophysiological level up to possible paranormal aspects and a socio-historical summary."



Sleep well...

Truth is out there, says UFO group



Vancouver has its own answer to the Lone Gunmen, the three conspiracy theorists in *X-Files*.

They don't have a name as dramatic as that, or the long haired, super computer nerd, but **UFO*BC** compiles their own lists of conspiracy theories, ghosts, Sasquatch and other unexplained phenomenon.

Unlike the *X-Files* characters, these people only deal in local unexplained events.

UFO*BC opened in March 1996 and according to Gavin McLeod, the secretary treasurer, they opened because there was a need.

"No one else locally is doing it," said McLeod. "I came across people for years that said 'I saw something and I didn't know who to phone.'"

The organization averages about four to five calls a week, but the real action happens in Northern B.C.

UFO*BC is non-profit and they gather information on local sightings, investigate them as fully as possible, then makes discoveries open to the public.

This non-profit does not get their funding from another planet but through bringing in speakers to lecture on alien abductions, cattle mutilations, crop circles and UFO crash/retrievals.

In addition to their website (www.ufobc.org), **UFO*BC** publishes a magazine four times a year.

TRI-CITY NEWS,
Vancouver, B.C., Canada
April 5 1998 CR: G. Conway

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Sarah Speaks Out

In the May/June Newsletter, we reprinted the press release written by White House Correspondent Sarah McClendon which chastises the government for its "blanket of secrecy" upon the UFO issue. Ms. Because of this secrecy Ms. McClendon says, those in government who have knowledge about UFOs cannot discuss the subject without serious repercussions. Others — particularly newspaper editors and publishers, reporters and analysts, steer clear from the subject for fear of being dubbed "crazy."

Ms. McClendon stated that soon after coming to office, the Clinton administration had briefings on the subject and that Laurence Rockefeller provided the information to the President and Mrs. Clinton. Clinton instructed Webster Hubbell to investigate the existence of UFOs but the Justice Department thwarted Hubbell's efforts.

Ms. McClendon acknowledged that the lid on UFOs is slowly coming off. She cited CSETI's Dr. Steven Greer's efforts to get one million signatures on a petition calling for an open Congressional hearing for government employee witnesses. Col. Philip J. Corso, ret. (*The Day After Roswell*) "and hundreds of others who work or have worked in secret defense and scientific agencies, are willing to swear under oath that alien craft are repeatedly penetrating our airspace."

It seems that some members of the UFO community, including MUFON's Walt Andrus, were not convinced that the press release had

actually been written by Sarah McClendon. Well, doubts can be put to rest. Ms. McClendon is the author and confirmed this when she was a recent guest (April 13, 1998) on the Art Bell's *Coast to Coast* radio program. She fielded questions from the audience and was sharp, witty and answered the questions with no hesitation. When one caller asked if she was considering retirement since she was 88 years old, Sarah answered, "*Hell no! I'm having too much fun!*"



The North Sea UFO

The following report appeared in UFO Roundup; Volume 3, Number 22; May 31, 1998; Editor: Joseph Trainor. It is a follow-up to a story that made the rounds in April.

The report comes to us via Peter A. Gersten, Executive Director, *Citizens Against UFO Secrecy* (C.A.U.S.)

At the end of April, the *Daily Telegraph* and the *Daily Mail* of London reported that a giant UFO had been chased over the North Sea by British and Dutch jet interceptors. Although the RAF Press Office and the Dutch ufology group A.U.R.A. disputed the claim, new information is emerging in this controversial case. According to the British newspapers, the RAF radar station at Fylingdales, North Yorkshire, picked up a giant UFO "the size of a battleship" (900 feet long) over the North Sea. An RAF jet squadron

was scrambled to intercept. At the same time, two F-16 jet interceptors of the Nederlands Luchtmacht (Netherlands Air Force) took off and caught sight of the giant UFO over the North Sea. The UFO eluded the Dutch jets and streaked away at an estimated 24,000 miles per hour. No date was given for this alleged encounter. Around May 15, 1998, however, the newspaper *Tipperary Star* of Tipperary, Eire, reported that a local Irish couple claimed to have seen a giant UFO of the same description as the North Sea object of February 28. The story was summarized in another newspaper, the *Munster Express*.

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"A couple, described as highly respected members of the community, told the newspaper that they saw an object in the sky between Derrynaflan and Killenaule on the night of February 28. Because they did not want to be ridiculed, and be the butt of local jokes, they decided to remain silent about their experience. But after they heard a description of the object seen over the North Sea, they decided to come forward because their UFO was identical."

They said they clearly saw the UFO hovering at what appeared to be about 400 feet above the ground. The ship was approximately 250 feet wide and 100 feet high. It had lights, three on one side and two on the other, and had panels with

vertical lines through them as distinct front windows... There was no sound at all from the object, which at first, moved very slowly but then accelerated so fast that it disappeared in an instant.

In the Netherlands hosts Ivo Westerlaken and Theo Pajmans of the radio talk show *Dossier X*, have made their own inquiries into the North Sea case. According to Westerlaken, the Nederlandse Luchtmacht "did do an internal investigation of the radar sites" but "they claimed to have found nothing out of the ordinary, but when we asked for a report on their internal investigation, they told us it had been destroyed. The Dossier X team "researched the purported UFO incident over the North Sea much more fully than A.U.R.A." Westerlaken writes, "but for the first time in UFO history in the Netherlands, we were confronted with angry spokespersons... Nobody wanted to say anything officially. Serious research in the Netherlands has been set back for months, if not years." He added, "Some of our contacts inside the government agencies who were willing to go public have been scared away."

Field Investigation Report

by Craig R. Lang, MN MUFON F.I. Coordinator

According to the chatter on the Internet, it seems to be a busy time for UFO investigators throughout the country but judging from the number of reports we have (or rather, *have not*) received from our area, Minnesota does not seem to be a center of attention of late! The apparent lack of new activity here has allowed us to continue our focus on a number of ongoing investigations. In this month's column, we will take a brief look at some of these cases.

One investigation, being conducted by Casey Holt, is looking into the August, 1996 multiple witness sighting of a triangle-shape UFO in New Brighton. The object was observed late in the evening, over the northern Minneapolis suburbs by witnesses who were fishing on the south end of Long Lake. They observed the object hovering to their northwest. It then slowly drifted "backwards" (base of the triangle first) from roughly northwest to the southeast, passing over Long Lake. The object sped up slightly, passed overhead, and moved off to the south-southeast, where the witnesses lost sight of it in the tree line. No noise was heard from the object. The witnesses discussed this sighting among themselves for several minutes and agreed that it was clearly not any type of aircraft that they were familiar with. This investigation is ongoing, and more info will appear at a later date.

Investigations continue into several close encounters which apparently occurred in recent years in northwestern Wisconsin (several of these were described in the last "Field Investigator Update"). Interesting results continue to emerge in some of these cases. One investigation involves a series of apparent close encounters, ground traces, etc., occurring in Fall of 1996. This case is being investigated by Chad Lewis (WI state director), and myself. A key event involves a possible abduction, in which the witness remembers being taken late at night. Her memory then blanks, but is accompanied by a fleeting memory of watching a light over the house, presumably departing. A week or two later, again late at night, she observed a large UFO rising over a distant tree line. The object moved toward her across a nearby field, eventually passing over the house. She remembers attempting to lock the windows and front door, but by the time she arrived at the door, it was opening. The last thing she remembers is a possible entity present outside the door. In the days surrounding these events, the family discovered a large dead spot on the back lawn, with several nearby bushes also having died. In addition to these feasible traces, sightings, and close encounters, the witness reports that there are also on-going paranormal events. Chad and I conducted a preliminary investigation (including a site survey) at this location in January and a report was made at the February MUFON meeting. We expect to conduct a follow-up site survey and further interviews with the witnesses this summer. This appears to be a classic experiencer case, which will undoubtedly hold more surprises as we investigate.

Another investigation in progress involves a series of strange anomalies which occurred in the late 1970's in Douglas County, in far northern Wisconsin. These

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Book Review...

Brother Termite, by Patricia Anthony

Reviewed by Scott Carr, Editor, Flying Saucer Review

Are politics, culture, and humanity mutually exclusive ideals? Is genocide a necessary evil? Is love a self-defeating genetic side effect? These are a few of the questions that Patricia Anthony poses in her brilliantly subversive novel, *Brother Termite*.

With breathtaking precision, and awesome subtlety, Patricia Anthony achieves the almost unthinkable: set fifty years in the future in a world where aliens walk freely among us, and seen through the eyes of an extraterrestrial Chief-of-Staff working in the White House, she tells a story of global proportions, and yet manages to keep intact all of the mystery, eeriness, and uncertainty that surrounds the modern UFO phenomenon. And at the same time, her story holds true to virtually all of the folklore and mythology of the contemporary UFO culture. Anthony has done much more than just passionately researched her topic, she has extrapolated upon it, philosophized it, and wove it into a fascinating and provoking narrative.

A novel of alien menace, flying saucers and underground bases, abductions and political intrigue, *Brother Termite* introduces us to a future that is both abysmally bleak, and at the same time, full of hope. We are taken on a futile, yet somehow inspirational journey, and given a first hand look at the tremendous gears turning in this particular theme, which we find the most innovative, the most horrific, and the most appealing. The fact that the common man is so far removed from the plot, so unaware of the political, Earth-changing apocalyptic events that surround him and determine his very future. Anthony cleverly turns the tried and true "Everyman" theme on its ear; instead of imbuing a "common man" with heroic qualities, and thrusting him into the thick of predicament, she does the reverse. Anthony's characters are all larger than life, all heroes in their own rights; U.S. President Jeff Womack, alien

Chief-of-Staff Reen, FBI Director William Hopkins, and even the spirit of JFK. But as the story progresses, we begin to see their humanity, their commonality, exposed. One by one, Anthony's characters fall victim to their own humanistic natures, their own souls. One by one, we see each of these larger than life heroes transformed into Everyman.

We highly recommend *Brother Termite*, not only for those involved in the UFO community, or even the science fiction community, but for anyone with a passion for the dramatic; anyone who seeks the answers to philosophical questions of the heart; or harbors a love of political espionage, or seeks to know what goes on behind the closed doors of the White House; anyone who loves a good mystery, a good thriller, or a good romance. *Brother Termite* weaves all of these various sub-genres and ideals flawlessly, seamlessly into an imagi-

native and engaging satire of a world we thought we knew, a world that some of us may have even suspected.

We also recommend the novel for those who are interested in the UFO culture and phenomenon. Remarkably, *Brother Termite* holds true to practically all of the mysteries, beliefs, theories, eccentricities, sensationalism and popular history of the UFO enigma. And perhaps even more remarkably, *Brother Termite* approaches the field with more intelligence and thoughtfulness than much of the non-fiction which has been published of late. While we are certainly no espousing any hidden truth or predictive qualities to the work, we do feel that Anthony has approached her topic in a creative, literary sense with more level-headed common sense and comprehension than many of the scholars, investigators and researchers working in the field. She has brought to the phenomenon a much needed

breath of fresh air and introspection. Isn't that what art is all about?

Masterfully, Anthony combines questions of metaphoric, philosophical, and hypothetical natures in a way that leaves us questioning not her store, but ourselves, and our world. Are we alone here on Earth? If not, then what? In creating a world where we are not the only sentient, intelligent race on the planet, Anthony shows us all the more what it means to be human. Is it possible to both love and hate at the same time? Is it possible to commit an act that is at once both good and evil? Patricia Anthony shows us inarguably that the answer is yes, as she not only defines, but portrays, true ambivalence.



[*Brother Termite* has been optioned by James Cameron to be a major motion picture. The tentative title is *Judgement Falls*, and it will be directed by David Cronenberg. Patricia Anthony is also the author of *Cradle of Splendor*, *Conscience of the Beagle*, *The Happy Policeman*, and *Cold Allies*. Her new novel, *God's Fires* is due out this month. Anthony's novels may be found at Barnes & Noble.]

The Contact Has Begun

by Phillip H. Krapf

Reviewed by William J. McNeill



The Contact Has Begun, is a very well-written, logical and interest-holding work. The question is, does it correspond to reality, or is it a clever work of science fiction?

Krapf was interviewed by Art Bell a few weeks ago, and he came off very well. The only fault I could find at that time, not having read the book, was that he couldn't remember the answer to one question, and said in effect he needed to check the book to be sure. Now, this was during a long interview, in the early morning, and it is reasonable that Krapf's memory might be foggy under the circumstances.

Yet, "The Devil is in the details". The first thing that struck me as not quite right was his description of the host aliens, which was somewhat like the typical gray, but he describes them as having ears — Spock-like pointed ears, at that! The majority of "gray-type" aliens (and from the literature there seem to be several types, perhaps from different star systems) do not have external ears. And the aliens that do have external ears do not fit his description. On the other hand, a young woman I knew in college had pointed ears. Certainly, among the many species of intelligent life, there could be some meeting his description — but no one else seems to have reported them.

On p. 18, Krapf says that no prominent people have been abducted. He seems to have bought the

debunker's complaint of "How come it's always Goober who is abducted and not Sheriff Taylor?" Doesn't Ray Fowler fit the definition of "anyone with more than a minimal ability to gain attention or influence public opinion?" Maybe not, but a former Secretary General of the United Nations certainly does. And he claims there have been no multiple abductions. But, several of these have been well documented, and one was reported to me in a case I personally investigated.

On p. 19, Krapf says the aliens had personally witnessed the pandemonium and chaos that had followed Orson Welles *War of the Worlds* broadcast. But these words are far too strong to characterize the reaction, according to historian Richard Hall, in a presentation he gave to MUFON a few years ago.

Krapf doesn't mention the "hybridization" program. Can all these reports be wrong? I doubt it, and recently we had the word of a philosopher that if a large number, such as hundreds, describe the same phenomena, we can assume it is genuine with a high probability.

He says the "Verdants", his alien hosts, are the only species to colonize. I greatly doubt it. Any successful species is going to fill their home planet and look for other homes.

This is the topper: On page 124 Krapf quotes the aliens as claiming their ships discovered Heaven! If there is a God (and I believe there is), defined as an omnipotent being, in the unanimous opinion of careful thinkers of all types, His/Her abode is not in our physical realm, but in some higher realm. Of course, we

can't be sure....

I will grant that on pages 133–135 Krapf's spiritual questions and reactions seem more genuine. And it is interesting that he now claims to have accepted the existence of God. If this book is fiction, he will likely recant this belief. If this is part of a plan to discomfit believers, it is truly Machiavellian.

It is not likely, as he claims the aliens told him, that evolution would limit a female to one child.

Of much interest is the timetable presented starting on page 150: Preliminary contact plans completed in early 2001, the first public announcement by an "Ambassador" early in 2002, "spectacular events" in 2004 and 2005. Most of us should live to see whether Krapf—and others are right or wrong.

In spite of all my objections to the book, it is possible that it is genuine, but I give it less than 50/50 odds. I think it is fiction, and Krapf didn't do enough homework to get it "right". If I am wrong, I will apologize. However, I recommend the book; it is at the very least good science fiction, and the "aliens" plan is logical, the kind of plan for contact I would like to see carried out.

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Ronald McAlien?

by Candy Peterson

How popular are UFO's and aliens among our children, anyway? There may be considerably more youthful compassion toward aliens if the latest promotional gift in McDonald's Happy Meals is widespread. First, here's some background on the overall influence of McDonald's: Sales are now about 33 billion dollars annually, almost half from outside the United States. It's the biggest and best-known restaurant on the planet. With over 23,000 restaurants in 109 countries, stockholders see about 17% compounded annual return on their investments.

"McFact: Ronald McDonald is known to children around the world. He now speaks more than 20 languages, including Japanese, Norwegian, Portuguese, and Russian." ...

"Today, Ronald McDonald appears as part of nearly every McDonald's marketing program ... Happy Meals are enjoyed by children throughout the world."

Of particular interest to various conspiracy buffs:

"Ronald McDonald made his first appearance in Washington, D.C., in 1963, the creation of franchisees John Gibson and Oscar Goldstein to support their efforts to attract children to their restaurants. Ronald made his first national appearance in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade in 1966 and was named McDonald's official spokesperson for children the following year. Thanks to television commercials, his participation in fundraising events, and daily visits with children in hospitals, schools, and McDonald's restaurants, *Ronald McDonald has become a national institution – recognized by 96 percent of American children.*"

— From the McDonald's web site,
www.mcdonalds.com/corporate/info/welcome/index.html
 (Italics mine)

The prize inside my kids' latest Happy Meals was a short audiocassette titled *That's My Ronald*, with just five songs on it. I could not readily find overall sales or distribution figures for Happy Meals or the audiocassettes; but if the small city of Rochester, Minnesota has them, I'd guess they are probably also supplied throughout English-speaking areas.

This is the second song on Side B:

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Save The Aliens

(Fallon, Seidelman, Fry; produced by Gary Fry)

(Spoken at the beginning)

Ronald McDonald (RMcD): Listen, we're picking up a signal!

(Electronic-sounding) Aliens: Missafuzz, meep-meep-meep, HELP!

Child 1: It must be aliens!

Child 2: It sounds like they're in trouble!

Aliens: Mitzenop, STRANDED, boozle-boozle. Asteroid 23 c-coming!

RMcD: Asteroid 23?! Let's go -- and fast -- hyper-speed drive!

(Blast-off sounds, trumpet fanfare, marching music, singing begins.)

RcMD led children's chorus: Save the aliens!

RMcD, spoken gallantly: Hang on gang, we're off to save the aliens!

RMcD & children: Oh, they're stranded in space on an asteroid,

if they don't get help, they're gonna be destroyed.

So we hope we can, make a rescue plan, to save the aliens right away.

How we're gonna do it is the mystery; but if we don't do it, then they're history.

So we're on our way, and without delay, to save the aliens right away.

RMcD, spoken: Oh, we don't have much time!

RMcD & children: Save the aliens!

RMcD, spoken: C'mon we can do it!

RMcD & children: Though we don't quite know what's gone on down there,

we want them to know, that we really care.

So they shouldn't mope, or give up hope; we'll save the aliens right away.

Is their space ship broken, does it need a few repairs?

Do we have what they need to get it back up in the air?

RMcD, spoken: Maybe, um, chewing gum or linoleum-

RMcD & children: -will save the aliens right away.

RMcD, spoken: Here we come!

RMcD & children: Save the aliens!

RMcD, spoken: They may be different, but they're our friends!

RMcD & children: Just give us a chance, for it's fun to help them out.

Aliens: Beep-beep, HURRY, sauerkraut.

RMcD & children: And we're getting very near, so there's nothing else to fear.

We'll save the aliens right away.

RMcD, spoken: [At] any moment!

RMcD & children: Save the aliens right away!

RMcD, spoken: Let's go, gang, to asteroid 23!

(March music finale)

Children shout: There's asteroid 23!

RMcD, spoken: Beaming down! (electronic noise)

Aliens: Mahkoyta-mahkoyta-mahkoyta, we're SAVED! Thanks, dude!

RMcD, spoken: Heh, anytime!

So what do you think? Is this part of a global Preparation-for-ET-Contact plan? It has that catchy, easy-to-remember, patriotic sound of previous propaganda marching songs. Or is this just another savvy marketing move by an industry giant which sees the profitability in marketing ET multi-culturalism? Unless enough adults are actually listening to these gift tapes for children, the right questions may never be asked -- let alone answered.

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events were first described by an experiencer who contacted me after a MUFON meeting, to report a number of encounters. Several of these events occurred about two weeks apart, during January 1978. The three witnesses were investigating previous reports of UFO sightings in the area and were sky watching at the spot where the sightings had occurred. In the first incident, occurring in the wee hours of the morning, the witnesses observed "laser" lights, apparently projected on the back windshield from behind the car. Subsequently, the primary witness experienced what he described as a severe electric shock, which "locked him up" for many minutes. The following day he (and possibly several other witnesses) observed a large UFO over Superior, WI.

A few weeks later, two of the sky watchers were again working the same location. This time they observed (again late at night) a red ball of light, a few feet in diameter, emerging from the snow-covered road. It ascended several feet into the air, then descended back into the road. This event lasted a few seconds. A few seconds later, it occurred a second time. Upon seeing this, using a spotlight which they had brought with them, inspected the area. They saw no unusual traces or effects remaining in the snow.

If anyone has additional information on these sightings, or has a UFO sighting or experience to report, please contact one of the Minnesota MUFON field investigators via the Minnesota MUFON web site, or contact MUFON via the UFO hotline. Most new sightings, on-going investigations, and completed case reports are listed on the MN MUFON web site. Included also are several close encounter cases (all are anonymous). Check often for updated information.

For those wishing to become a field investigator themselves, classes are conducted approximately three times a year, as sufficient interest is indicated. If you are interested, and feel that you have the necessary time, energy, and objectivity, please contact Craig Lang (e-mail:crlang@mm.com, ph#:612-560-1532). Alternatively, you can sign up on the interest sheet which is placed at the back of the room during each MN MUFON meeting. If you have not already done so, you also will need to join MUFON as a field investigator trainee, and purchase the MUFON field investigators manual.

We always need more investigators in our effort to better understand the UFO and CE4 phenomenon. For those who seriously take up the study of UFO events, challenge and mystery will never be in short supply.

Happy investigating!

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